

My Dear Sir,

I have this morning
your favor of yesterday.

I had not thought it necessary to
report to you ^{formally} the ^{employment} ~~engagement~~ of Dr.
Robinson ~~for service~~ in the Herbarium,
(of which I had myself spoken to you)
inasmuch as it is for the present only
conditional. I have engaged him for
one year, commencing with the 1st of May,
and am to pay him at the rate of
\$800 per year. This will come from
the ordinary income of the Herbarium.
^{or guaranteed, for in its expense.}
Should he prove to be the man that
I want as an assistant I would
have advised at the end of the year
his formal appointment as act.
curator with an salary of at least
\$1200. He is a graduate of Harvard
University, of the class of 1887, and
has spent ~~three~~ years his time since
in Germany in botanical study. He
has written some creditable papers
upon his investigations and has gained

Thought right to be done on the Herbarium and authorizes me, as I understood it, to carry out as far I can ~~the~~ whole I then proposed. This involves the engagement of an ^{efficient} librarian by whom care the library shall be made such it ought to be, the utilization of our extensive & valuable ~~manuscript~~ ^{manuscript} collections, and the expenditure of more money in securing additional books to the Herbarium & library. ~~But~~ ^{more} ~~about~~ ^{more} ~~of~~ ^{more} ~~it~~ ^{more} I hope to bring this all about in good time, and by the end of the five years to show so good results from ~~the effort~~ ^{the effort} ~~of the~~ ^{of the} ~~money~~ ^{money} that the effort to raise ^{alone} ~~the~~ ^{if not already raised} permanent funds, will be ~~amply~~ justified.

It has been suggested to me that my own salary ought to be and would be increased. In respect to this allow me to say that the emolument of the Herbarium, ^{when} ~~and~~ ^{it} has become the institution that it ought to be, ^{made} should in my opinion ^{carry with it a salary of} ~~be~~ ^{now} not less than \$3,000. I do not ask or expect this, for myself, ^{if my} ~~salary~~ ^{salary} were raised to \$2,000 ~~it should be~~ ^{achieved}, and ^{it} as in recognition of the rank and importance of the position it were made more, I would willingly, in consideration of the present needs of the Herbarium, ^{agree to} contribute annually all

over their amount to ~~the~~ income of ~~the~~

I remain
Yours truly
Youngstown, O.

June 17th 1840
Mrs. Watson

Prof Watson

My dear Sir.

Will you kindly tell me if the grass I send you by mail today is not *Glyceria elongata*. I cannot make it go any other place than *Glyceria*. It has many characteristics of that Genus - even to the nady breaking of the spikelet, between the flowers - and yet it has three stamens - and the branches are not appressed, particularly, and it found it on high ground - I wish to ask if *Acer Pennsylvanicum*, should not be described as having light-green base with light lines - instead of dark ones - at least those I find are a light-gray - lighter than the base. Also, I found here yesterday, *Graphalium purpureum*, though the manual says "Coast of Maine to Va & southward". However I did not find that the florets were at all yellowish, as is described by Wood - and Torrey - but the tip of each floret was prettily bordered with purple - as well as the inner scales being purplish.

Yours truly - R. H. Ingraham